HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONSIDER REQUIRING THAT EMPLOYEES OF WATERSPORT EXCURSION
COMPANIES WHO TAKE CUSTOMERS ON WATERSPORT EXCURSIONS
RECEIVE LIFEGUARD TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, watersport excursion companies are commercial operations that take customers on excursions for the purpose of engaging in watersports, such as kayaking, snorkeling, and scuba diving; and

WHEREAS, watersport excursion companies, as well as other commercial recreational operations, are required to obtain a permit from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the administrative rules of the Department of Land and Natural Resources do not currently require the employees of watersport excursion companies to be trained to render aid in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, taking consumers on watersport excursions without personnel present who are able to render aid if an emergency occurs raises potential safety issues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to consider adopting administrative rules requiring employees of watersport excursion companies who take customers on watersport excursions to receive lifeguard training and certification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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